AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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paragraph:

In the embodiment shown in Fig. 4, the concept of using a plurality of routing tables is still

maintained. Additionally, however, virtual network adapters 70, 72 having associated routing

tables 74, 76 are introduced. In the preferred embodiment shown in Fig. 4, applications 46

dynamically select a virtual adapter 70, 72 for making a connection to one of networks 14, 16,

18. By means of associated routing tables 74, 76, the virtual adapters ~~74, 76~~ 70, 72 then refer to

an appropriate routing table 60, 62 associated with one of real network adapters 20, 22, 24.

Alternatively, the routing tables 74, 76 of the selected virtual adapter might also directly refer to

a real adapter, as it is shown by means of virtual adapter 74 and real adapter 24.